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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al

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Examiner: John S. Brusca

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION DATED JULY 11TH, 2005

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final office action dated July 11th, 2005; with the period for response extended two months to December 12th, 2005; (December 11th, 2005 being a Saturday - a check in the amount of \$225.⁰⁰ is enclosed for a two month extension of time), reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

No additional claim fees are required, as the new added independent claims do not exceed the total of original claims paid for in view of the cancellation of some of those claims.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.